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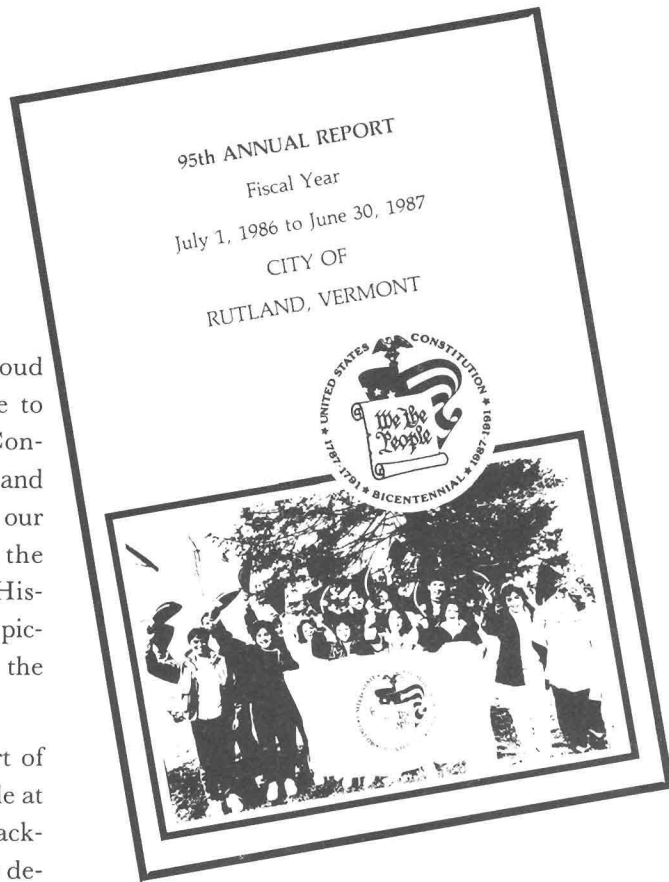
FOREWORD —

Because we can all be so proud that the community's tribute to our beloved United States Constitution had appropriateness and style unsurpassed anywhere in our broad land, we believe the members of the Rutland Historical Society will cherish this pictorial memento of many of the events.

In the 95th Annual Report of the City of Rutland — available at City Clerk's office — the background to the photographs is described more fully on pages 59 through 61. And the society's report is on page 47.

Because youthful involvement is the principal thrust in this tribute, we are delighted that Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg chose to grace the cover of the Annual Report with the smiling, waving students from the two high schools. Following the Mayor's example, the "Cover Girl" for this commemorative issue was selected from that group picture. She is in the middle of the front row.

Megan Foley, grinning from the non-warmth of a nylon banner, symbolizes the good citizenship the students proclaim in the pages that follow. It was very chilly on the day of the Loyalty Parade; but, although they shivered while waiting to be the wrap-up unit, the students performed with high spirits and pride. Megan Foley represents, too, a bit of the fabric of our community: her mother and grandfather and greatgrandfather — both men were Army Generals — are the Wings of Rutland's legal profession. And Foley business enterprises have served this area for more than a century.





T H E F L A G S H I P T H E M E —

It was really very simple: PREAMBLE is the beginning; the closing BILL OF RIGHTS was adopted when Vermont became a State in 1791. Why not make it convenient for many people to read/reread these words that changed the world?

So, it began with teams of students from the junior and senior high schools. Ten Amendments, plus the Preamble and Closing Statement, that called for a Captain and ten other Readers. Citizens in Rutland began seeing a flag-bearer followed by ten other young people—on the way to the post office—on the way back to school. For the younger children there was a police escort. Many teams had a teacher too. Sometimes, going teams passed coming teams. Sometimes, two teams were in the post office lobby at the same time; and each applauded the other. It was an exciting way of learning—and teaching—our proud history.

It was at the historical society's 5th Annual Singalong, with the Alley's marginal arc-lights for reading small print, that ladies and gentlemen alternated in reading the Bill of Rights in antiphonal style. Thus, what was done by hundreds there, was offered to thousands months later at the Fair.

But it was the young people who led the way . . .

FIRST, Leaders
were chosen for
a Show Team —



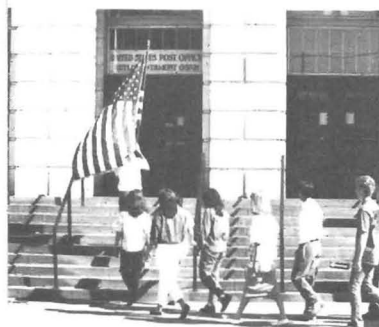
Then, on display at the parade —



Later, a pre-vacation trial dress rehearsal —



Checking for flaws before September —



On WCAX-TV that same night —

The CONSTITUTION of the United States

We the People
James Madison, Document No. 1, The Federalist Papers

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Amendment I.*

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II.

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

STUDENTS
 read one
 amendment
 each —
 Leader
 read
 PREAMBLE
 and closing
 saying
 “student” in
 blank space
 at the end.

Amendment III.

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V.

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Amendment VI.

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII.

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII.

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX.

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

*The first ten Amendments (Bill of Rights) was ratified effective December 15, 1791.

“This is a ceremony to honor our Constitution, adopted 200 years ago. And our Bill of Rights, adopted in 1791, the year the REPUBLIC OF VERMONT became the 14th STATE.”

CITIZENS
 read that
 word at the
 end —
 men read
 the even
 numbers —
 all stood
 and sang
 “God Bless
 America” —
 (See pp. 10-11)

Teams from Christ the King School marched first —



Before those elms were cut —

Another team —



A pause at Rutland's landmark —

And another team —



Our police helped —



Another team —

And another team —

Mount Saint Joseph Academy followed —



First team from MSJ —

Another team —



Another team —

Another team —

Another team —



Another team —

Reading the 4th Ammdment —



Cockiest team of the week —

Another team —

Rutland High School —



Pose proudly —



Another team —



Loud and clear —



Another double team —



Two more teams on the move —



A look at an audience —



On Radio WSYB —



Applause —

Lower House and Upper House —



Another team —



Lobby setting —



Another team —



Is there an end to the line? —



Another large group —



Double-teaming —

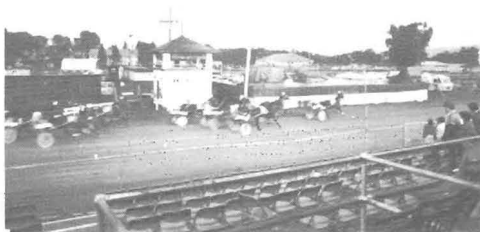


Ladies majority —



Last team photographed —
Apologies to those we missed —

Participation by Thousands at Rutland's VERMONT STATE FAIR



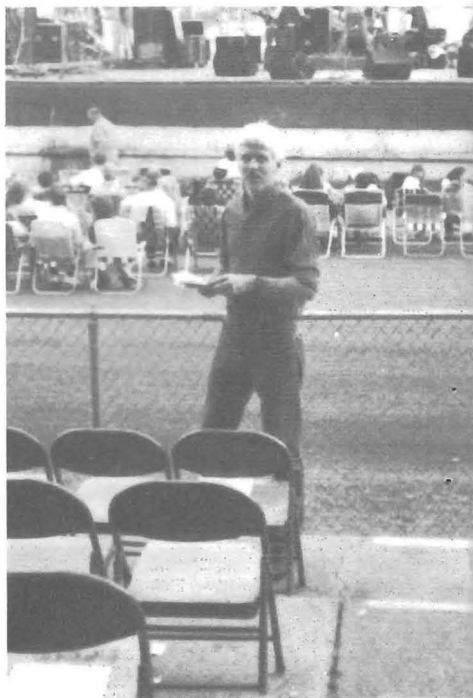
Night after night, the grandstand — and the track — were crowded —



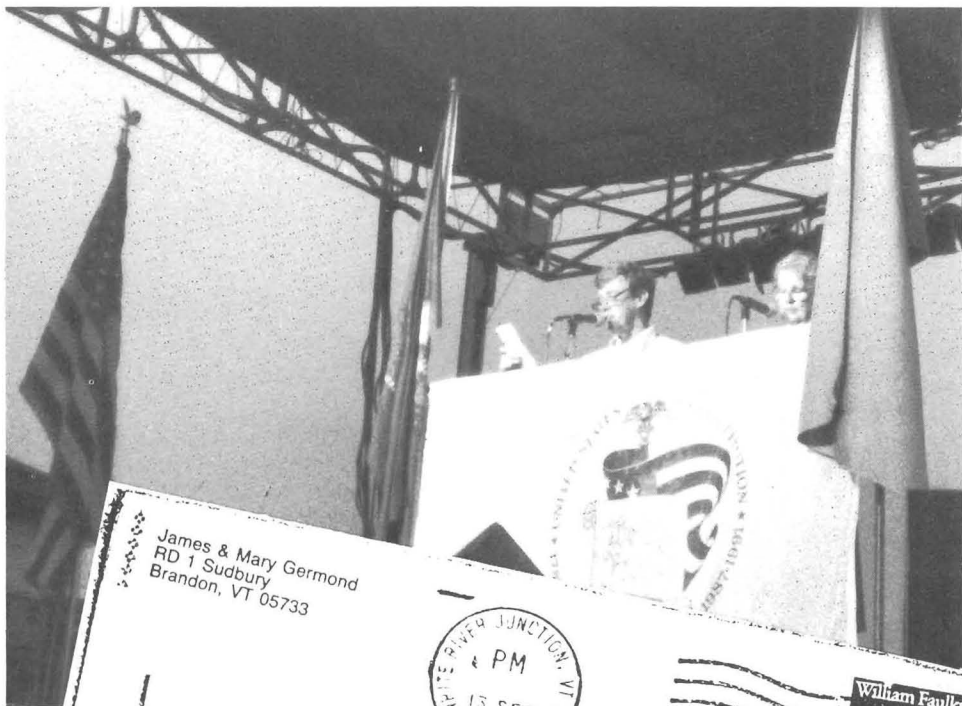
At the top of the opposite page, Francis B. McCaffrey, Judge of Rutland's District Court, leads the men reading one of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights. Waiting to lead the ladies in the next amendment, is Sister Rita M. Emerson, SSJ, Principal of Christ the King School.

Other leaders during the week were Acting Mayor Patricia Donnelly; Jean Ross, Managing editor of the *QUARTERLY*; Rita W. McCaffrey, National Mother of the Year; Dorothy Plue, Assistant Judge, Rutland Superior Court; Marion Furguson, Executive Secretary, Rutland Bar Association. Leading the men: Vermont's Congressman, Jim Jeffords; John B. Webber, President, New England Bar Association; Kenneth B. Shaw, Rutland Veterans Council; J. Fred Carbine, Jr., President Rutland County Bar Association.

Ironically, the most inspiring reader of all, The Rev. David J. Dean, Minister of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, was not mentioned in the City Report. David's great heart will be forgiving.



Volunteer distributes some of 30,000 copies of Preamble and Bill of Rights. (See text on page 5.)



James & Mary Germond
RD 1 Sudbury
Brandon, VT 05733



Sudbury, VT
Sept. 12, 1987

Dear Mr. Egan,

We were at the Rutland Fair last night when you, Rita McCaffrey and John Webber led us in the Preamble reading and in song before "Box Car" Willie.

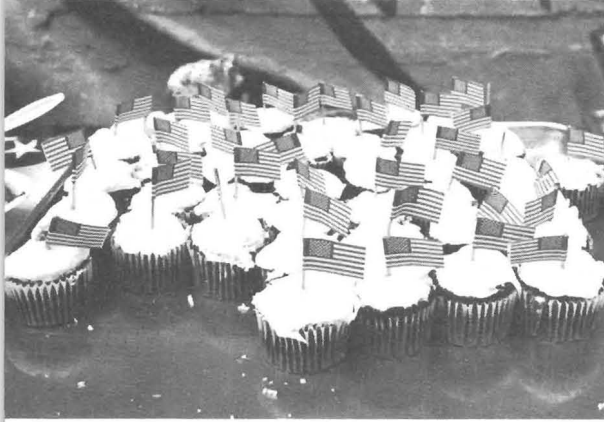
May we congratulate and thank you for this stirring presentation and the opportunity to participate. Goose bumps and tears were evident all around us.

We wish you continued success.
Jim & Mary Germond
Bill & Adele Steele

This brief letter was chosen
because it says so much, so well.

Bicentennial Luncheon — in Center Street Alley

The ladies, of Northeast School, thought, "Why feed the children in school on such a special day? Here's the result of many loving plans —



Just enough for seconds —



Spilling the beans —



A loaded tray —



A gala festival !



Loaded laps —



Two milks left —



Some still on line —

Raising the Flag — in Depot Park



Coming from the Alley —



PREAMBLE to the Constitution
read by Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg.



Gathering 'round —



Veterans salute —



Ceremony is over —



Back to school —

Prayers of Thanksgiving — in Church



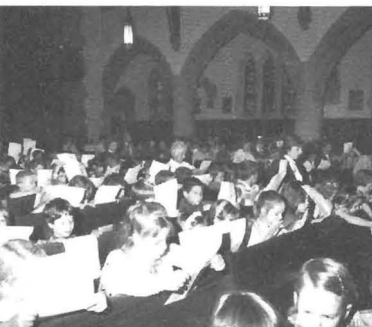
Forming in the school yard —



Marching to church —



Principal explains the significance of the day —



"Father, we thank you for the rights and protection we are given under our Constitution . . ."



Musical Finale — in Main Street Federal Park —



First comers
get the
best seats —



The Rutland City Band is known as the oldest municipal band in the country. This may overshadow the fact that it is a splendid musical group. All volunteers, the players include a surgeon and his high school son and daughter, a retired college president, an attorney-city alderman, three professional teachers



of music, a monument maker, a ski area engineer, other engineers and many students. Some college students returned early for this special performance conducted by Glenn Giles. What a fitting close to an eventful day !



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